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SUBJECT: AMSPECS BLAIR AND VOGEL

1. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL DRS. BLAIR AND VOGEL ATTENDED DINNER AT PAO RESIDENCE WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR; VICE-PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL BANANA CORPORATION, COHBANA; DCM OF HONDURAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON; TIEMPO EDITOR MANUEL GAMERO; THE HONDURAN COORDINATOR FOR AID SECTORIAL LOANS; AND THE CAO. RECEPTION WAS WARM AND EXTREMELY USEFUL, SETTING THE HONDURAN SCENE FOR THE LECTUREERS AND THUS ALLOWING THEM TO FOCUS THEIR SUBJECTS WITHIN THE LOCAL PERSPECTIVES. MONDAY MORNING THEY WERE BRIEFED BY THE ECONOMICS ATTACHE AND DCM AT AMEMBASSY. ALSO MET WITH EXECUTIVES OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY'S FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT, AND COHBANA.

2. THE LECTURE ON MANDAY WAS WELL ATTENDED BY HIGH RANKING ECONOMISTS OF THE GOH, BANKING, UNIVERSITY AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS. ALTHOUGH LESS SURE OF HIS SPANISH LANGUAGE THAN BLAIR, VOGEL EXPRESSED EXCELLENT IDEAS REGARDING WAYS TO AVOID INFLATION. COMMENTS BY ECONOMISTS PRESENT AT LECTURE INDICATED THAT HIS APPROACH IS SOUND AND HONEST. DR. BLAIR'S DESCRIPTION OF MULTINATIONALS AND THE NEW ECONOMIC ORDER SPARKED KEEN INTEREST AND THE Q/A PERIOD WAS SPENT MOSTLY ON THIS SUBJECT. HIS DELIVERY IS SUPERB AND HIS SPANISH NATIVE. POST FEELS BOTH SPEAKERS WERE EXCELLENT CHOICE AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING.

3. TUESDAY BLAIR AND VOGEL ATTENDED LUCHEON AT CAO RESIDENCE
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WITH PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND LECTURE, AMONG THEM CONADI'S

(CORPORACION NACIANAL DE INVERSIONES) VICE PRESIDENT AUGUSTO
COELLO; LIC. CARLOS ROBERTO REINA, WHO IS AN IMPORTANT
POLITICAL FIGURE AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO PARIS,
AND THE EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. DISCUSSION AGAIN CENTERED
AND EXPANDED ON THE SUBJECTS OF THE LECTURE IN A MORE INTIMATE
AND INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE.
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